

WI-196
John W. Wingate House
Whitehaven
Private

c. 1890

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1949 the house and lot were purchased by William J. and Mildred B. Wilson, in whose family the property remains.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JOHN W. WINGATE HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-196

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-196
Magi No.
DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN W. WINGATE HOUSE

and/or common PHILLIPS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 23832 River Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Whitehaven ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ms. Anne Wilson Phillips

street & number 23832 River Street telephone no.:

city, town Whitehaven state and zip code MD 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 785 Map 65

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 132 P. 11

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Phillips house, historically identified as the John W. Wingate house, stands at 23832 River Street in Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay, gable-front frame house faces south with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating to around 1890, the two-story side hall/double-pile plan dwelling is supported on a raised brick foundation, and the structure is sheathed with a combination of plain weatherboards, aluminum siding, and fishscale shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical two-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking two-over-two sash window hung with louvered shutters. The front door is glazed above the lock rail and it has multiple panels below. The first floor is sheltered by a turned post front porch embellished with decorative sawn corner brackets and drop pendants between posts. A small cross gable is fixed over the entrance with part of the sawn peak decoration surviving. The second floor is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. Piercing the gable end to light the attic are two small one-over-one sash windows paired next to one another. The peak of the gable end is embellished with modest Victorian sawnwork. A brick chimney rises through the center of the main block.

The east and west sides of the house are dominated by two-story bay pavilions topped by gabled pediments that feature fishscale shingles and decorative drop pendants on the outside corners. Sawn peak decorations embellish each gable end and two-over-two or single-pane sash windows light the first and second floors. Paired one-over-one sash windows mark in gable end pediment.

The north (rear) wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-story kitchen wing that incorporates an engaged two-story porch on the east side. Like the front porch, the side porch is embellished with Victorian eave decoration.

The interior was not seen.

Standing directly east of the kitchen wing is a single-story, gable-roofed outbuilding with a gable-front roof extended over the squarish weatherboard structure. Small bracket supports underpin the cantilevered roof. The extended roof protects a shallow profile four-panel door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to the relatively well-preserved nature of this house, it deserves a Category B listing, which identifies it as a house that should be preserved since it is a structure that exhibits good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development and style and supports the overall character of the district.

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JOHN W. WINGATE HOUSE
23832 River Street
Whitehaven, Maryland
Chain of title

785/132 Mildred B. Wilson, Widow

to

2/21/1973 Anne Wilson Phillips

The aforesaid land being shown on a plat
entitled "Property survey for William J.
and Mildred B. Wilson made by Filbert M.
Hitch 1/4/1949 JWTS 309/36

JWTS 309/36

Ella Wingate Dashiell
Anna S. Wingate, widows

to

1/25/1949

William J. Wilson
Mildred B. Wilson

Item #2 John W. Wingate died on or about
3/15/1935 Will dated 10/11/1915 and
recorded in JAH 1/25 conveyed to wife
Georgianna Wingate and then to Lemuel
Underwood Wingate and Ella Wingate
Dashiell Lemuel Wingate died 1/15/1947
conveyed property to Anna S. Wingate

EAT 94/88

William W. Larmore

to

2/16/1914

John W. Wingate
1 3/4 acre

JTT 14/180

John Dorman

to

5/2/1895

William W. Larmore
Second Item: all that tract of land on the
north side of said Main Street
which runs parallel with the

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Wicomico River....together with
improvements

First: all that store house and wharf
property on the south side of the
Main Street and bounded on the said
street and bounded on the south by the
Wicomico River and bounded on the east
by the property of the Maryland Steam-
boat property and on the west by the
land of George H. Larmore

And whereas the said Larmore agreed to
pay therefor the sum of seventeen
\$1700 in the following manner, two
hundred dollars cash to the said John
Dorman

JTT 14/165

John W. Wingate

to

2/10/1893

John Dorman

"Byrd Property" including store house and
wharf directly on the Wicomico River and
dwelling, barn, stables, and outhouses
situated on the north side and the lot on
which the buildings stand

Mortgage
FMS 4/490

John W. Wingate

to

5/6/1889

Mrs. Margaret E. Beachamp of Somerset County
Also all that lot or parcel of land with all
its appurtenances and improvements situate
in the village of White Haven whereon the
said John W. Wingate now carries on the
Mercantile business and located on the
Wicomico River and on the south side of the
Main Street

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Adeline Byrd

to

10/1/1872

John W. Wingate

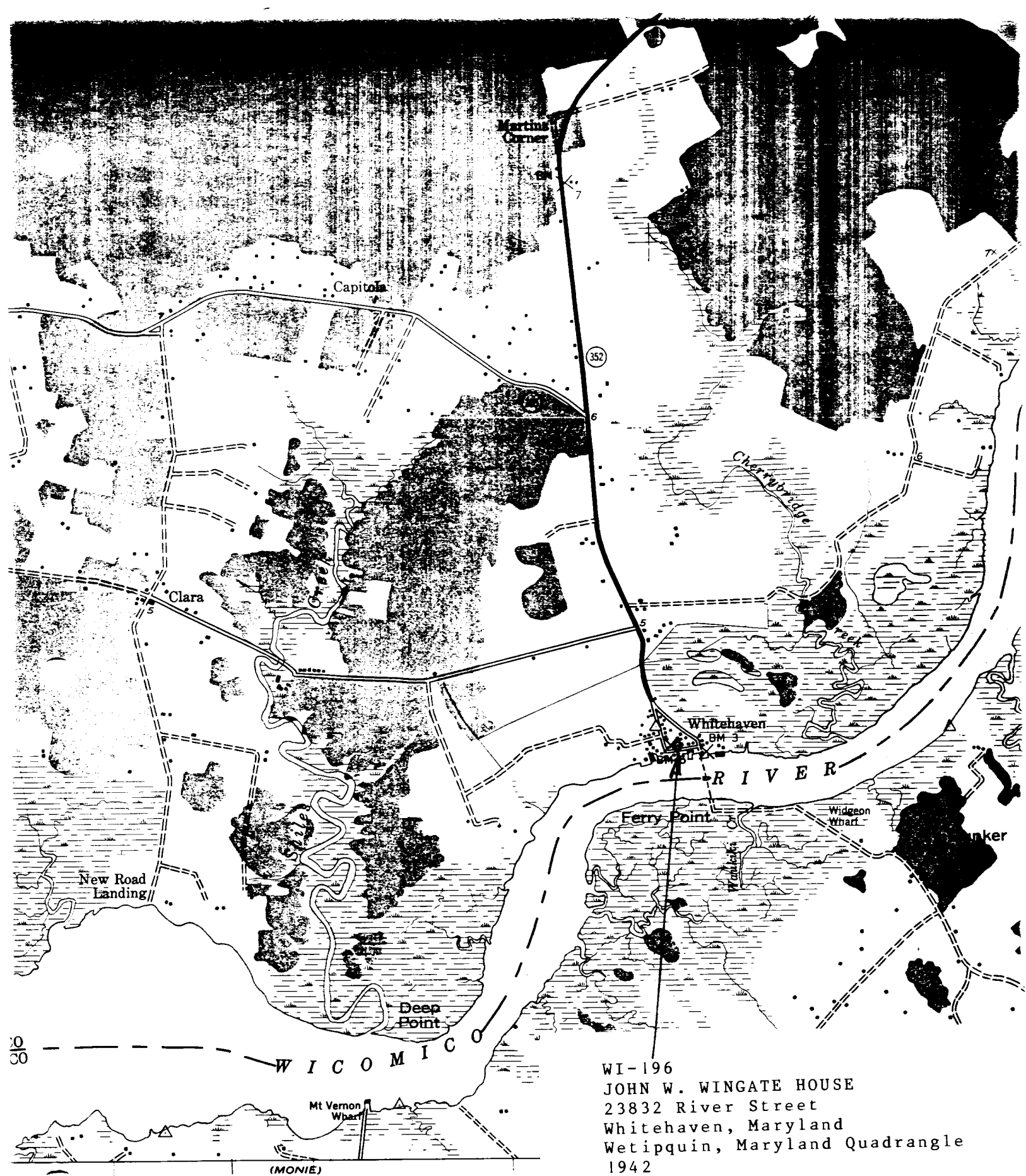
\$774.00 being the same real estate of
which William J. Byrd died siezed
and possessed and by him devised
to his wife Adeline Byrd and
purchased by the said John W.
Wingate at a Sheriff's sale at
the suit of Adeline Byrd vs. James
T. Taylor

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 JOHN W. WINGATE HOUSE
 23832 River Street
 Whitehaven, Maryland
 Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
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SCALE 1:24000

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1 5 0 1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

